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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, March 7,  
1810, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe  
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Albemarle March 7. 1810.

Dear Sir

A Mr. Easterly who reminds me of a conversation with him in London some years past, has requested me to make known to you a project of his for converting our tobacco & cornstalks to a purpose of great publick utility, as well as private emolument, and likewise to introduce to you Mr. Burroughs his agent. I have thought that I could not better promote his object than by inclosing his letter to me, to you, by Mr. Burroughs. I have made an experiment under his auspices to dry on a small scale though as the weather was unfavorable, I could not attend the process to a conclusion. I cannot as yet pronounce either on the profit to be expected from it. The process however is so simple, and so easily managed, that I am induced to believe that it will be found to be, a discovery of real advantage to our country. Mr. Easterly was I think made known to me by some person of credit, as one deserving of attention for his information & moral character; my recollection is too indistinct on this point, to allow me to be very explicit on it. I am dear sir with great respect & esteem yr. friend & servt Jas. Monroe

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